IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SAPIR, et al.

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Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING

SUBSTANCE TO BE DETECTED CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE COMPONENT THAT IS DISPERSIBLE IN AIR IN THE

FORM OF SOLID

PARTICLES

Group: 1797

Examiner: Siefke, S.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 10, 2009

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the three month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed February 13, 2009.

A payment in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 988.43189X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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